



Hello Animal Lovers!!

It's your friendly neighborhood ferret!! I'm not sure about this photo of me to the left; the humans that work for me woke me up with the smell of treats and snapped a candid picture! I mean really! Who likes to have their picture taken right out of bed! Even after that debacle I still agreed to write a little something for their newsletter.

Matilda's Matters

Can you believe that THIS OCTOBER will be Alchemy's 10th Anniversary!?!? I can't! These humans of mine have helped our community in many ways, however the need for us to exist as a shelter is stronger now than ever. My humans here are working tirelessly taking care of my co-residents here at Alchemy. We have over 40 kittens right now and they each have their own needs! In addition to caring for all these kids, Alchemy has lots of fundraisers coming up that you should attend!! There's the **Southern Park Mall Community Day September 12th** 10:00am to 5:00pm, **Canfield on the Green September 20th** 8:00am-5:00pm, **Bob Evans October 1st** hosted at Bob Evans in Salem 6:00am-10:00pm 15% of the proceeds go to Alchemy for that day if you present a coupon while checking out, **Rabies and Microchip clinic** the date is to be announced, our biannual **Spaghetti Dinner November 2nd** 11am to 6pm, and of course order your delicious **Pumpkin Roll by November 23rd**. Give my humans a call to ask about any of these events! Whew, as you can see I've been a very busy ferret so I think I will go nap now and turn the rest of the newsletters over to my loyal servants. Have a Great Day Everyone! Naps to All!

The Past Ten Years

Through the past ten years Alchemy Acres Animal Sanctuary has been through its ups and downs. For the most part we do not address the "down" moments often. This is because the Alchemy Family prefers to live in the present, preparing for the future. We have survived ridicule, slander, threats, heartaches, loss, financial crisis and physical and mental exhaustion, just as any other family. And when we say family, we don't just mean the family that started this shelter because our family has certainly grown. Along with all the negative aspects that we have been through we have also experienced the joy and happiness of it all. It is beyond heart lifting to see the changes every day in an animal that has been abused in one way or another; they learn to trust people again. There are no words to describe the feeling when a puppy or kitten is orphaned and it has accepted you as its mother. And there are no other words to describe what each animal returns to us other than love. If for some reason an animal acts differently it is because he or she is scared and untrusting, but that always changes. Even dogs that have separation anxiety, stranger fear, dominant tendencies, possession issues or other sensitivities, each one exhibits love in some manner. In our ten years we have homed thousands of animals and helped twice as many people whether it be giving them the pet of their dreams or helping them when they can no longer care for their pet. We could go on and on with stories. That is something each of our volunteers hears often, that each animal has a story. So that's what it really boils down to, not that Alchemy has been here for ten years, it's that we've been verbalizing each pet's past and their hopes for a home, and then, in its own time, we find them a new and better future to the best of our abilities, for the past ten years.

Meet Jake the Jack Russell Terrier! Jake is only a few years old and despite a few behavioral quirks he is a loving little guy! Give us a call to inquire! 330-332-4897.



Generosity

Over the past ten years Alchemy has been faced with hundreds of medical cases. 2014 seems to be the year that adds all the past years into one! Here is what your generosity has given our pets:

This is Hank (to the right), Hank was a 5 month old golden retriever puppy when he arrived at Alchemy. He received heart surgery and spent 5 happy years in a loving home. Without the surgery Hank would not have lived a year.



Your sponsorships have made breathing easier with brachycephalic airway syndrome for Wicket (to the left and Wheezy (to the right). Both have since been adopted to loving homes. Without surgery, Wicket would not have a long life and Wheezy would have been put down his condition was so severe



This is Apricot (Left), she is now pain free from her constant headaches due to glaucoma that was beyond severe, because of your generosity.

This is Oscar (Right), he is now able to urinate on his own after removing a bladder stone the size of a large chicken egg. He is also now recovering from a skin condition. He is available for adoption.



We achieved pain-free mobility for Baby, Missy, Rosa, Pal and many others (pictured below in order listed):



Today, we are faced with multiple cases that need our help **NOW**. This is where we need your help; please find it in your hearts **to help us help them**. We are waiting on donor funds to help two kittens (Kalvin and Kobi) that need bladder surgery to save their lives, a cat (Spring) that needs a tumor removed from her ear, Bagel the beagle needs mammary gland tumors removed, Harley the mastiff and Hoss the heinz 57 both need tumors removed as well. The list seems endless but the hope we see in these precious ones' eyes is promising. This is why we do what we do, but we cannot do it without you! Please donate today. And **Thank you** ALL So much for you continued support!

